

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q97348

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Group Art Unit: 2812

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING OXYNITRIDE FILM AND NITRIDE FILM, OXYNITRIDE FILM, NITRIDE FILM, AND SUBSTRATE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 19, 2007, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19 and 21 (drawn to a method of forming oxynitride) for prosecution, without traverse. Also, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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